

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A disk drive unit with which a disk medium is to be mounted for access, wherein

in the vicinity of a disk insertion and discharge slot of a panel into and from which said disk medium is inserted and discharged, a felt member for concealment is provided which has a slit for insertion of the disk medium along a longitudinal direction of said discharge slot, and

a plurality of slits are provided for every predetermined interval in a direction perpendicular to said slit of said felt member.

2. (currently amended) The disk drive unit as set forth in claim 1, wherein a non-deformable member for preventing scratches of said disk medium projects from an edge portion of said disk insertion and discharge slot so as to face said disk medium.

3. (original) The disk drive unit as set forth in claim 2, wherein said scratch prevention member is formed to be convex and is disposed at the edge portion of said disk insertion and discharge slot so as to slightly project to the side of said disk insertion and discharge slot so that only a part of a data